Entertainment expenses for Ministers paid by Air India

2717. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is making payments of hotel accommodation and entertainment expenses of the Ministers in his Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details of such payments indicating names of hotels, period of stay and amount paid?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Economy drive by Indian Airlines

2718. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airlines authorities have imposed an economy drive in certain areas to curb unwanted expenditure in Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian airlines continues to indulge in drainage of a huge amount of money every year for bringing Boeing Commanders to operate flights from Calcutta to eastern and north eastern regions; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The following measures have been taken by Indian Airlines to reduce expenditure:

— Economising on aircraft fuel consumption by shorting of routes optimisation of speed/cruise levels, etc.

— Reduction of establishment expenses;

— Avoidance/deferment, as far as possible, of non-operational expenditure on civil works, furniture, fixtures, office equipment, vehicles, etc.

— Frequent pre-flight checks to avoid wastage on food uplift/catering items;

— Readjustment of schedules matching with demand;

— Postponement of conferences and seminars.

(c) and (d) Certain B 737 Commanders from Delhi and Bombay are required to have a night-stop at Calcutta due to operational reasons. From Calcutta they operate flights to Eastern and North-Eastern Regions prior to return to their base. The expenditure involved is estimated at about Rs. 40 lakhs per year.

विभिन्न किस्म के विमान

2719. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत सरकार के पास किस-किस किस्म के कितने-कितने विमान हैं और उनकी यात्री-वहन क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ख) देश में कौन-कौन से वायुमार्ग अलाभकर हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) एयर इंडिया,

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और वायुदूत के पास विमानों की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

एयर इंडिया			
बी–747–200	9		
बी–747–300 (कोम्बी)	2	22	
ए–310–300	8		
ए–300–बी–4	3		
इंडियन एयरलाइन्स			
ए–300–बी 2/बी 4	11		
बी–747	23	52	
ए–320	18		
वायुदूत			
एच एस–748	8		
डोर्नियर–228	8	17	
एफ–27	1		इंडियन एयरलाइन्स से पट्टे पर

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है (**नीचे** देखिए) सूची में बताए गए इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के 22 मार्गों पर मई, 1992 के दौरान हानि हुई । वायुदूत द्वारा परिचालित सभी मार्गों पर हानि हो रही है ।

विवरण

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के उन मार्गों का ब्यौरा जिनमें मई, 1992 के दौरान हानि हुई है ।

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Effect of decanalisation on export and production of mica and mica products

2720. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of export and total production of mica and mica products and the revenue earned during the year before decanalisation and after the decanalisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the steps for decanalisation has falied to yield result; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSEED): (a) The quantity of mica and mica products exported in the year before and after decanalisation of processed mica in October, 1990 is estimated to have been as under:

	Quantity
October '89-Sept. '90	43,515 otnnes
October '90-Sept. '90	37,138 tonnes

Reliable production figures for the respective periods in respect of mica and mica products are not available. Export duty on mica and mica scrap/waste has been abolished since 20-3-1990. However, export duty collected on export of mica scrap in 1989-90 was Rs. 2.33 crores. Cess on export of mica and mica products collected during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 has been Rs. 1,46 crores, Rs. 1.12 crores and Rs. 1.80 crores respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Export performance of the mica industry is reviewed periodically for taking remedial steps, if any, required.

सिंगापुर में फूल नीलामी मंच

2721. **डा० बापू कालदाते :** क्या **वाणिज्य** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विकसित देशों में फूलों की मांग में अत्यधिक वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस मांग को पूरा करने के लिए भारत द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि सिंगापुर में एक फूल नीलामी केन्द्र स्थापित किया जा रहा है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या भारत इस केन्द्र का लाभ उठाने के लिए कोई योजना बना रहा है : और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?